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Title: CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING  
IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT

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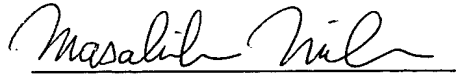
I, Dr. Masahiko Mihara, declare:

1. A deposit of the hybridoma producing PM-1 has been accepted on July 12, 1989 under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty at the Patent and Bio-Resource Center, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Chuo No. 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken 305-5466, Japan for patent purposes and assigned the following reference number FERM BP-2998.;
2. The deposited material will remain available to the public for a period of at least five years after the most recent request for a sample of the deposited microorganism, for at least thirty (30) years following the date of deposit, and for at least the enforceable life of the patent, whichever of these is longer;
3. The deposit will be replaced if viable samples cannot be dispensed by the depository; and,
4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

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Further declarant sayeth not.

Signed this 4th day of April 2002.



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